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SUBJECT: PROPOSED NRC-EGYPTIAN NUCLEAR REGULATING AND
LICENSING DEPARTMENT INFORMATION EXCHANGE AND COOPERATION
ARRANGEMENT

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REF: LTR OF MARCH 4, 1978, WITH ATTACHED ARRANGEMENT, FROM
EGYPTIAN UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE ABAZA TO NRC CHAIRMAN
JOSEPH HENDRIE HAND-DELIVERED TO NRC IN MAY BY ADDISON
RICHMOND

1. SUMMARY. NRC PROPOSES CHANGES TO TEXT OF SUBJECT
ARRANGEMENT AND REQUESTS EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN CLEARING
WITH N.R.L.D. END SUMMARY.

2. NRC IS WILLING TO ACCEPT REDRAFT OF SUBJECT ARRANGEMENT
PREPARED BY EGYPTIANS (REF), WITH FOLLOWING MINOR CHANGES:
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3. REVISE OPENING PARAGRAPH: "THE UNITED STATES NUCLEAR
REGULATORY COMMISSION (HEREINAFTER CALLED THE U.S.N.R.C.)
AND THE EGYPTIAN NUCLEAR REGULATING AND LICENSING DEPART-
MENT (HEREINAFTER CALLED THE N.R.L.D.) OF THE MINISTRY OF
ELECTRICITY AND ENERGY (HEREINAFTER CALLED THE M.O.E.E.),

CONSIDERING THE DESIRABILITY OF A CONTINUING EXCHANGE OF
INFORMATION PERTAINING TO REGULATORY MATTERS, AND STANDARDS

OF THE TYPE REQUIRED OR RECOMMENDED BY THESE ORGANIZATIONS
FOR THE REGULATION OF SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF
NUCLEAR FACILITIES, CONCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ARRANGEMENT OF
COOPERATION."

4. AMEND SECTION III.2:

"III.2 DEFINITIONS (AS USED IN ARTICLE III)

A. THE TERM "INFORMATION" MEANS NUCLEAR ENERGY-RELATED
REGULATORY, SAFETY, SAFEGUARDS, SCIENTIFIC, OR TECHNICAL
DATA, RESULTS OR METHODS OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, AND
ANY OTHER KNOWLEDGE INTENDED TO BE PROVIDED OR EXCHANGED
UNDER THIS ARRANGEMENT. (EARLIER VERSION WAS GARBLED.)

5. A FEW CHANGES, PURELY EDITORIAL, HAVE ALSO BEEN MADE TO
THE TEXT, WHICH (REVISED AS ABOVE) IS BEING AIR-POUCHED
TO THE EMBASSY THIS WEEK.

6. NRC STILL AWAITS ADVICE ON AREAS IN WHICH THE N.R.L.D.
IS PERFORMING LIGHT WATER REACTOR SAFETY RESEARCH, WHICH
WILL BECOME "APPENDIX B" TO THE ARRANGEMENT. (NRC AREAS
ARE ALREADY DETAILED IN APPENDIX A.) N.R.L.D. LIST, OF
COURSE, IS NOT EXPECTED TO BE AS LENGTHY OR WIDE-RANGING.
IF, REPEAT IF, EGYPTIANS PREFER NOT TO EXCHANGE ALL
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REACTOR SAFETY RESEARCH RESULTS, NRC SUGGESTS DELETING
BOTH APPENDICES A AND B, REVISING ITEM I.1.E AS FOLLOWS:
"INFORMATION IN THE FIELD OF REACTOR SAFETY RESEARCH
EITHER IN THE POSSESSION OF ONE OF THE PARTIES OR AVAIL-
ABLE TO IT. EACH PARTY WILL TRANSMIT TO THE OTHER URGENT
INFORMATION CONCERNING RESEARCH RESULTS THAT REQUIRE EARLY
ATTENTION IN THE INTEREST OF PUBLIC SAFETY, ALONG WITH AN
INDICATION OF SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS.", AND ADDING NEW
ITEM I.1.I, "EACH PARTY WILL BE PREPARED UPON SPECIFIC
REQUEST TO ADVISE THE OTHER ON SPECIFIC QUESTIONS RELATED
TO REACTOR SAFETY."

7. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED APPROACH N.R.L.D. WITH SUGGESTED
CHANGES, TRANSMIT (PASS NRC, ATTN: LAFLEUR) ANY INITIAL
EGYPTIAN RESPONSE, AND FOLLOW UP, AS NECESSARY. FOR
EMBASSY INFO, NRC NOT SURE YET WHETHER ARRANGEMENT SIGNA-
TURE WILL BE HANDLED IN PERSON OR BY MAIL. PLS ADVISE OF
ANY EGYPTIAN SUGGESTIONS IN THIS REGARD. CHRISTOPHER

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